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Introduction

On August 24, 2001, the present application was filed together with a Preliminary Amendment canceling claims 1-38 and adding claims 39-78. On April 8, 2002, a Further Preliminary Amendment was filed (by facsimile pursuant to Rule 8) that amended claims 39, 40, 50, and 73-76, canceled claims 41-49, 51-72, and 77-78, and added claims 79-145. A copy of the Further Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto at Exhibit A.

Hence, claims 39-40, 50, 73-76, and 79-145 are currently pending in the present application.

An Office Action has now been issued, dated 03/12/2003, which contains a Restriction Requirement. The Office Action Summary sheet mistakenly lists claims 1-78 as pending in the present application. Paragraph 1 of the Office Action, on the other hand, makes reference only to claims 39-65 and 70-78.

A 1-month shortened statutory term was set to respond to the Office Action, which term ends on 4/12/03 (a Saturday). This paper is in response to that Office Action.

The Restriction Requirement groups the claims as follows: